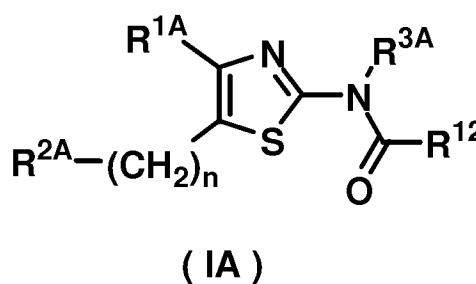
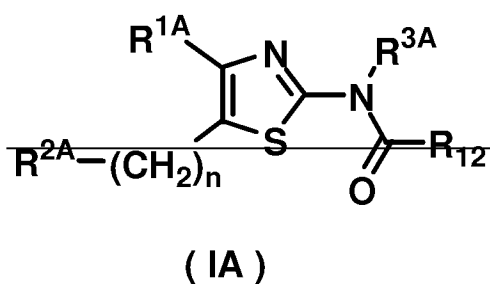


b.) Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A thiazole derivative represented by a formula (IA):



[wherein

$R^{1A}$  represents a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ 5-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing at least one oxygen atom ~~(excluding a group selected from 5-phosphonofuran 2-yl and 5-nitrofuranyl)~~;

$n$  represents an integer of from 0 to 3;

$R^{12}$  represents a ~~hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~ substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted

alicyclic heterocyclic-alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic ~~heterocyclic-alkyl,~~  
heterocyclic-alkyl;

R<sup>3A</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, or substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

and

~~-NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> (wherein~~

~~R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> may be the same or different, and each represents~~

~~a hydrogen atom,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl), or~~

~~-OR<sup>15</sup> (wherein~~

~~R<sup>15</sup> represents a hydrogen atom,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl)];~~

~~n represents an integer of from 0 to 3;~~

~~R<sup>3A</sup> represents a hydrogen atom;~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~

~~-COR<sup>12A</sup> (wherein R<sup>12A</sup> have the same meaning as that of R<sup>12</sup>); and~~

~~R<sup>2A</sup> represents substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group~~

~~(excluding 2-furyl),~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~-NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> (wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may be the same or different, and each~~

~~represents~~

~~a hydrogen atom,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl),~~

~~-OR<sup>7</sup> (wherein~~

~~R<sup>7</sup>~~ represents a hydrogen atom,

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl,~~

~~-OR<sup>7</sup>, or~~

~~-COR<sup>8</sup>~~ represents a hydrogen atom,

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl,~~

~~-NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> (wherein~~

~~R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> may be the same or different, and each represent~~

~~a hydrogen atom,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl), or~~

~~-OR<sup>11</sup> (wherein~~

~~R<sup>11</sup> represents a hydrogen atom,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group,~~

~~a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group,~~

~~substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic alkyl, or~~



~~substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic alkyl}},~~

R<sup>2A</sup> represents -COR<sup>8</sup> (wherein R<sup>8</sup> represents a substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic group containing at least one oxygen atom),

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (Original) The thiazole derivative according to claim 24, wherein R<sup>1A</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted furyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. (Currently Amended) The thiazole derivative according to claim 24 ~~or 25~~, wherein n is 0, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 27-33 (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The thiazole derivative according to ~~claim 27,~~ claim 24, wherein R<sup>3A</sup> is a hydrogen atom, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

35. (Currently Amended) The thiazole derivative according to ~~claim 27~~, claim 24, wherein R<sup>3A</sup> is lower alkyl ~~or aralkyl~~, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 36-50 (Cancelled).

51. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 24, wherein R<sup>1A</sup> is furyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

52. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 51, wherein n is 0, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

53. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 52, wherein R<sup>3A</sup> is a hydrogen atom, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

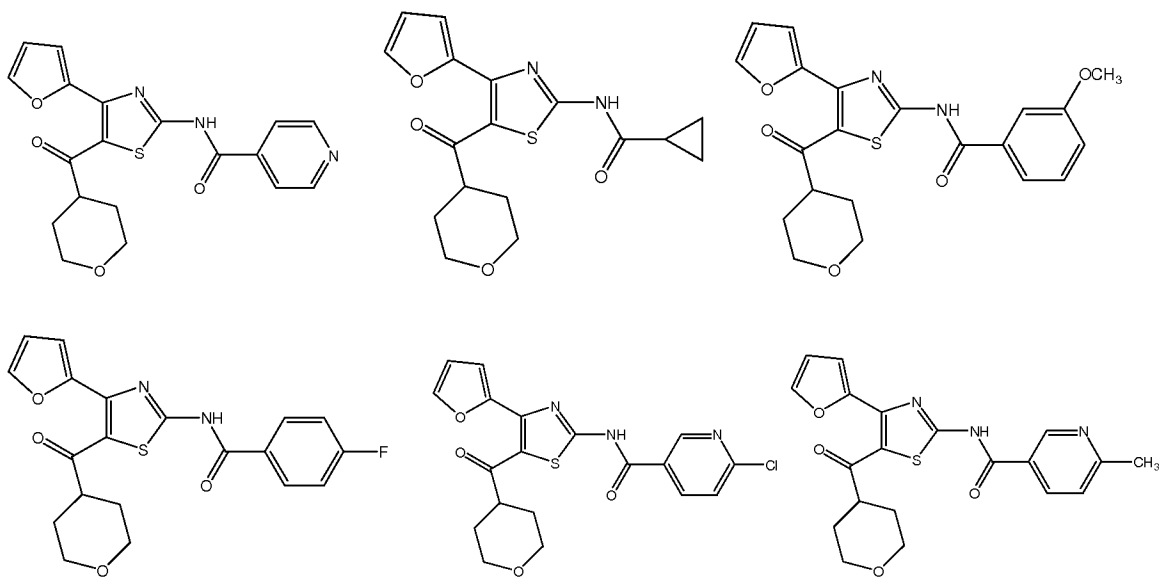
54. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 53, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, or substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

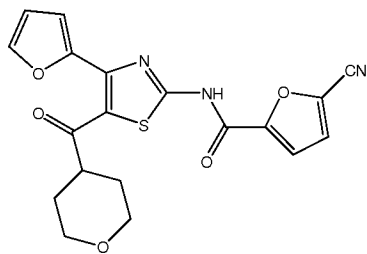
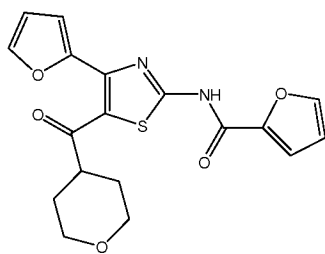
55. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 53, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted alicyclic heterocyclic-methyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

56. (New) The thiazole derivative according to claim 53, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

57. (New) The thiazole derivative according to any one of claims 54 to 56, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is tetrahydropyranyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

58. (New) A thiazole derivative selected from the group consisting of the following formulae, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:





and

